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PUBLISHER GINTHER

The Times-Virginian regrets to hear of the death of Dr. B. F. Ginther, editor and publisher of the weekly Union Star at Dror ual.

We noted the long list of honors a grateful community had bestowed upon this vigorous and enterprising editor. He was truly a leader in most every organization in Brookneal, and he lived to see his community prosper and grow.

Nothing so mirrors a town as does its newspaper. The Union Star was and is a true mirror of editor Ginther's town. He will be missed.

Our personal acquaintance with editor Ginther was limited to the few times we had to call on him for help in some mechanical emergency. We found him a true believer in the tradition that "the presses must roll" - even when they are the presses of another paper!

LITTLE IMPROVEMENT

Newport News Daily Press)

A Senate committee at Richmond finally reported out the Burton bill for reform of the procedure in choosing county school trustees, and it must be conceded that at least degree of reform would accrue from its passage. We entertain serious doubts, however, that it will be any real improvement over the bill finally introduced by Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., with Senator Lloyd C. Bird as co-patron, after Mr. Byrd had clarified his original views on the subject.

The Burton bill proposes that the supervisors of a county elect the school trustees but that the intermediary of the old school - trustee electoral board, be retained. The electoral board, appointed by the court, would be required to nominate not less than two nor more than five names from each magisterial district in the county, and from these the supervisors must make the final selection.

But in the final analysis it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the Burton plan would do little to make the school administration any less aloof than it now is—or can be if it desires. The only difference is that a degree of option would be allowed the supervisors; but evidently the board could not go outside the electoral - board's nominations, and apparently, neither could the supervisors reject the electoral board's entire slate and tell the latter body to try again. In other words, the number of potential school trustees would be increased; but in the last analysis the trustee electoral board still would be naming the school trustees. It may be a little better than the present plan, but it is less desirable than the Byrd bill.

THE SPARROWS

(New York Times)

The sparrows make late winter a pleasanter time for any countryman. Not English sparrows, the raucous little city street gamins, but American sparrows, the song sparrow, the tree sparrow, the white-throat, the pine siskin, the field sparrow, the occasional chipping sparrow. Finches, all of them, in the big classification of the ornithologists, but sparrows to most of us. They come to the feeding station, they are happy as bees on the hillside where the weeds still stand with a few remaining seeds and they chatter happily in the most untoward weather. On warm days they sing a little, forlorn taste of the lively songs they will be singing once March has made its turn.

In its old meaning, the word sparrow meant to flutter. And they are flutterers, all of them, as adept on the wing as anyone could ask. See a flock of them sweep up from the hillside, wheel into the wind against a leaden sky, and it lifts your heart. In such a flock you may see speckled breasts that seem to be striped, for the sparrows do not persist in groups of one kind. You will see a flash of yellow on the siskins, that happy little patch at the base of the tail on a siskin's back.

They are seed eaters, primarily, and they will flock to any feeding station within range. There they will chatter, and flutter, and squab, like a bit, and make the whole morning seem full of life. Then, at no visible sign, they will all take wing and fill the air with their chattering and go to the weedy hillside and fill the air with scraps of song. Sparrow song, for the end of winter.

STATES RIGHTS

(Quoted from the New York Times, in the Atlanta, Ga., Journal.

Every time Virgil Lissom, who has farmed a stretch of hardpan for the last 60 years in the Adirondacks hears these States' Righters he remembers Bill Barnet, his neighbor, who had a farm just over the Sugarbush ridge in the days of Prohibition. Bill used to rent his barn to fellows who wanted a handy place to store liquor they brought down from Canada. When any federal agents came around Bill used to keep them away from his barn by shouting States' Rights, and that seemed to scare the agents off, or maybe it was the .30-30 that Bill always carried. One night the bootleggers carted off all their liquor and didn't bother to pay Bill off. He hurried over to Plattsburg at two in the morning and insisted that the federal agents get right up and catch the rascals. When the agents asked him what about States' Rights Bill said, "Mister, I'm for States Rights as long as there's a profit in it; but any time there ain't, I ain't."

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Lesson for March 5, 1950

THERE IS NO RULE in the Bible forbidding Christians to have common sense. You are not supposed to lay aside your mind when you become a Christian.

This has had many illustrations: let us take Ephesus for one. Put yourself, in imagination, back to the first Christian century. Ask yourself: Where can we start a church where it will do the most good? Where can we put a church that will spread out, one that is sure to have daughter-churches? Where can we reach people of influence? Where can we locate a church where it is certain to be heard of?

Dr. Foreman

As your eye ranged over a map of the Empire, you would have lighted on Ephesus as the very place. It was a true capital, not a merely political one.

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Strategy

IT was a master-stroke, selecting Ephesus as a base of operations. It made possible the rapid spread of the Christian faith into the province of Asia. The decision to plant a church there had been matched by other strategic decisions in Christian history since then. One of these was founding the church in Rome. That was an even greater city and capital than Ephesus, and it has lasted much longer.

If the Christian church had been content to be provincial, all right for the smaller towns but afraid to tackle the big ones, if the early church had feared to seat itself in Rome, the whole history of Europe would have been different.

When the Roman Empire crumbled, as in time it did, the church rose on its ruins and took its place as the great civilizer of Europe, the strong force that kept a continent from decay for nearly a thousand years.

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Our Ancestors

FROM THE DAYS of the early Roman church there comes a well-known story which may be true. In the slave market at Rome the Pope saw some handsome small boys, whiter than the average Roman, for sale. Who are you? he asked. "Angli," they said—Anglos, from far-off marshes along the North Sea. No, smiled the Pope, who was a bit of a punster, you are too good looking for that; "Non Angli sed Angeli," not Anglos but Angels.

Anyway, the church did send some missionaries to far-away Anglia and elsewhere in Northern Europe. It turned out to be another strategic base of operations. Eventually France and Germany and England and the other countries in that part of the world were converted to Christianity. The time came when those very nations took the lead in moving into the rest of the world, into the western hemisphere, "down under" to Australia, even into Africa. Where they went, they carried their religion with them.

Suppose the church had not thought our ancestors worth converting? Suppose all the colonizing movements of the 16th and following centuries had been waves of sheer pagans?

It is not mere racial pride to say that the sending of missionaries to those savage peoples of northern Europe was one of the most strategic moves ever made by the Christian church.

* * *

And Today?

THE CHURCH has not always been smart. Sometimes we have missed the boat. There have been strategic centers we might have occupied—and did not.

There was a time, for instance, when Russia, that mighty nation, was open to Christian teaching. Many who knew that country were saying about 1916 that it was possible to capture that land for Christ. But the Christian church was little interested . . . and now whatever Christianity is there has to stay underground.

Farther east, our own General MacArthur has been calling for missionaries to Japan, thousands of them. Japan is wide open to Gospel today as never before. But where are the missionaries? Going over in dribbets.

Whenever Christianity has seen a strategic point and taken it, future generations have been blessed; whenever we miss our chance, future generations will wonder how we could have been so blind.

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Letters From Our Readers . . . .

Discuss School Needs . . . Taxes . . . etc.

Mr. Calvin Robinson, Editor,
Times-Virginian, Appomattox, Va.

Dear Mr. Robinson,

I want to thank you for your splendid support which you are giving our efforts in the separation of type 21 from the types 22, 23 and 24, Kentucky and Tennessee, have heard favorable comments on your broadcast last Friday and want you to know I appreciate very much your interest.

If I can be of any service to you or if there is any information I might have which you desire, I shall be glad to furnish same.

Yours very truly,
Thos. B. Hall,
General Manager,
Virginia Dark-Fired Tobacco Growers Marketing Association,
Farmville, Va.

Editor, Times-Virginian,
Appomattox, Va.

Sir:

A complicated problem faces Appomattox County. It is complicated because no accepted opinion has been formed as to the problem, and, at the same time, have the power to execute its opinion. That is the eternal problem of democracy. Education for modern citizenship is essential. To accept less than the best system is to invite decline, and possible future disaster. Education must be on a rich level for all citizens, both majority and minority groups.

The first problem faced regards educational needs of such a democratic country as ours. Asking a parent what the need is will bring excitement for the best for HIS or HER child. it is a baffling, frustrating sense to know that other localities are providing better training and equipment for their children. The young citizens are apt to go all out for a program of school expansion both in instruction and in provision of facilities. A more mature taxpayer will see more monitary problems involved. Certainly a major trend in the nation is toward a conservative attitude with regard to the various brans bes of government going in debt. It is a grim reminder that a large per cent of our present national debt was incurred not in training citizens to live, but in two horrible wars that trained them to destroy. Thus the citizenship is faced with a mounting debt on a national level for a great armament program and a decreasing amount of money spent on the local level in non-industrialized communities for the educational needs of its citizenship. We pay for the national debts. We have more control of local debts and are prone to cut. We are cutting where its hurts most. We must face the problem in the light, therefore, not merely of monetary costs; but, rather, in the light of human values and absolute needs.

Unquestionably a great need exists if we are to provide adequate instruction and facilities for twentieth century education. There is not a school in Appomattox County equipped nor staffed to do its best work. That is we consider the development of physical, mental, and character needs of boys and girls. Our rural schools are in rugged condition. Certainly they do not reflect the high type of citizenship characterizes the people of Appomattox County. Carver High School has been promised improvements for seventeen years. Theirs is not only a needy, but also a desperate condition. As a minority group, our Negro fellow-citizens are somewhat at our mercy as far as immediate action is concerned. The white school, which in former years achieved some distinction as an outstanding regional school, is inadequate in space and facilities. We have waited a long time!

When asked what amount of money would be needed to meet the existing emergency, the school board informs us it would take between four hundred and fifty and five hundred thousand dollars. Roughly, a half million dollars. That's a lot of money. However, cost of the cars parked in our town on any given Saturday would pay the bill. Some go as far as to feel any sacrifice is worthwhile to insure the best for our sons and daughters. One thing can be said with certainty. We can have the kind of schools we want if and when we want them badly enough to sacrifice and pay for them. God has certainly blessed Americans financially beyond any nation on the face of the earth. Our lack should never be in faith in the future, nor in unwillingness to pay the price for freedom from tyranny by prevention. This prevention comes through a trained citizenship.

Of course, the question always arises, "Who is going to foot the bill?" The answer comes back, "You are! Mr. John Doe, private citizen." Before you say, "No !" let's reason a little and ask if living in America is worth this price. We either educate or disintegrate. We either go forward or we go backward. We either accept the principle that impression leads to expression, or we discover that impression without expression leads to depression. I am saying that the glowing concept of democracy will either find expression in what we dare and do, or we shall retrogress at any given stage in our history. However, our present Governor has assured us of a gift from the Commonwealth's surplus of $150,000. Reasonably within the next few years we will receive at least $100,000 more. Totaled, that means we can see half of our needs met. This leaves a balance of $250,000 to be secured by our county. The balance can be borrowed from the Literary Fund at the low rate of 2% interest.

Now before we look at this debt, let me remind you that we have a debt greater than money. We owe a debt of gratitude to God for giving us children. We owe each child a debt to provide for him every opportunity to develop to his fullest capacity.

Look to the debt. I am in favor of borrowing the entire amount and doing the overall job of meeting our needs. Knowing the reluctance we have to incur indebtedness, I do not believe we will be willing to go in debt piecemeal fashion again and again. What we do should last as a major building job for at least half a century. Viewed in this manner it means that we incur a maximum indebtedness of about $25.00 per capita, or much less, for every man, woman, boy, or girl in our county. Considered over a period of thirty years we can readily see that it means an increase based on the population of about $1.00 per year per person in taxes. Obviously some will pay more and some less.

Now my contention, with friendly sympathies for all who disagree, is that the values received far outweigh the obligations incurred. With the faith of Washington, the humility of Robert E. Lee, the daring of Patrick Henry, I believe we should remember "Where there is no vision the people perish" and build for tomorrow's citizen in Appomattox County. Let's go all the way at once in providing for our school needs. I was one when I was a very young man that did one thing worth going in debt for was an education. I still believe it true.

In other words, this is an insurance policy we take out on the future welfare of our children. It costs twenty-five dollars per person for thirty years, or less than one dollar per person for thirty years! We are able, I say. Are we willing? I am.

—J. MARSHALL WALKER.

Editor, Times-Virginian,
Sir:

A suggestion for County-wide School betterment:

I suggest that the General School Committee or as many as would do so, meet with the patrons of each school in the county as some fixed date. Allow the patrons of each school in the county to select three from its group to act with the general committee in appraising the needs of that particular school. In doing this, it would be well to consider the building, furniture, sanitation, heat, light and suitable play space.

I would suggest that this be done at each school center in the county under the leadership of the county Supt. attendent. While at the meeting, it should be told the patrons that in order to help one school, we must help all alike according to their needs both for the present and for the future, in both the white and colored schools.

After the proper appraisal has been listed, let a local contractor or workman be consulted as to the possible cost of such improvements wherever it would be needed, or the county health officer for sanitation, and such other county citizens who by experience would be able to assist.

Then the central committee might add up the actual needed cost for such improvements, and have the county clerk advise just how much the tax levy would have to be raised to meet the needs if borrowed over a period of time. When this is done, give each patron and taxpayer an opportunity to sign a paper or vote on the report of the committee made in the above manner. Then he Board of Supervisors would be in a position to know the wishes of the majority of the tax-payers of the county and would be in a position to act accordingly.

This may seem long and tedious, but that is the way democracy works. I do not believe a mere handful of citizens, of their own accord, even if they are supervisors, have any right to place the county heavily in debt unless it is the will of the majority of its people, nor do I believe any Board of Supervisors would refuse to abide by the will and wishes of its people.

—L. CRAWLEY.

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Rocks

Rocks, Feb. 27.- The second snow of the season fell here on Saturday night. It was quite cold, too.

R. L. Jennings is not so well. He will have a blood chot removed from foot this week.

Mrs. James R. Taylor is ill. The doctor was called in several times last week.

Rodney Roach is working at Appomattox at Moses Motor Co.

Lloyd Richardson is out again after being in for several days, due a sprained foot he received while playing ball recently.

Mrs. Maude Ranson, Mrs. Rhomy Hudson, Mrs. Elsie Ranson, Mrs. Harry Ranson, Mrs. Toby Inge, Mrs. R. Inge and Mrs. Puckett and Mrs. E. Anderson were helping Mrs. E. S. and Robert Roach quilt Wednesday.

Miss Annie C. Martin, of Lynchburg spent the week-end at her home here.

Sunday School was held at Rocks Sunday, in spite of bad weather and a good attendance was present. The class will come to a close on next Sunday afternoon, March 5th.

Miss Ruth Roach spent awhile with her grandmother, Mrs. R. Inge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach and children, Stanley and Johnny called on Mrs. James Taylor awhile on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ranson went to Lynchburg late Sunday afternoon.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Feb. 28.- Miss Bessie Ann Glover, who has been sick was able to go back to school this morning.

Mrs. Emma Evans and daughter, Mrs. Edi Duffoan and son, Dickie, called to see Mrs. Eddie Warriner last Saturday.

Paul Ferguson, from Lynchburg, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family. A. B. Ferguson called in this home Sunday.

Mrs. T. D. Harris and four children, from Oakville spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Howard Glover.

Hector Cawthorn, of Roanoke spent a few days recently with his sister, Mrs. Sam Jennings.

Those who called to see Mrs. E. W. Warriner recently were Mrs. Joe Paulett and son, Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. John Farrar and son, Mrs. Will Garrett and two daughters, Mr and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey, Mrs. Howard Glover, Mrs. John Kent Hamilton and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Mott Haney, Mrs. O. C. Paulette, Mrs. Ryland Staples and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Little Wanda Kay LeGrande had the misfortune to fracture a bone in her armFriday while playing.

Miss Juanita Harris is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. H. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis.

Mrs. Thad Massie, of Newport News spent a few days recently with her mother, Mrs. S. A. Checkett, who is ill in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam White and family, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Miss Minnie Harris spent Wednesday night with Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover.

Mrs. David Garrett visited Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Garrett, of Vera, last Saturday.

Misses Eulalia and Elnora Glover called to see Misses Carrie and Elizabeth Hodges Monday night.

Mrs. Jack Hodges is sick with the flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin are the proud parents of a baby girl, born Sunday morning at Virginia Baptist Hospital, and named Sandra Elane.

Richwood

Richwood, Feb. 28.- Divine services at Central Baptist Church at 11 A. M. Sunday.

"Search for the reason and trust not the word of him who gloats in criticising." - Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pillow, of Scout Spring visited with Mr. Pillow's mother, Mrs. Lilly Pillow Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Price and children were the guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and daughter, Marvis.

Mr. Everett Fleshman visited with Mr. Willie Fleshman, who is ill, on Monday. Mr. Willie Fleshman is making his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Blackwell.

T. T. Wooldridge visited Monday with Miss Estelle Wooldridge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Reed, of Lynchburg were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Mrs. Henry Fleshman and son, J. H. visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mrs. Jack Hamilton on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Willie Pugh was in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge, who was ill Monday, is much better at this writing.

British Labor Party's majority is reduced to seven seats in House of Parliament.

Pamplin

Pamplin, Feb. 28.- Mr. and Mrs. Arvee Southall spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. William B. Neal, of Portsmouth, and Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hinman, of Suffolk.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Mann, of Richmond were the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans, of Roanoke were week-end guests of her mother, Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Richardson of Appomattox were recent guests in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Richardson.

The P.-T. A. met Monday night with a good attendance. Mrs. Mildred Alvis, of Appomattox, was the guest speaker. Other speakers were the Rev. T. L. Simpson and Mr. L. N. Ligon.

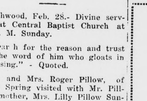
Rixey Southall, jr., of Medical College, Richmond, was the week-end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Southall.

Mr. and Mrs. Topping, of Hixburg are guests in the home of Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

Three more die in accidents or Virginia highways.

Reline says radio stations need not pay local taxes.

Senate increases wheat and cotton acreages.



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Oakville

Oakville, Mar. 1.- Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Harding Sunday were Mrs. Edwin Moore, Tom Moore, Evelina Moore, Jean Moore, Marguerite Moore, Gordon Martin, June Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin, Miss Gwen Shuford and Kieth Martin. The occasion was Mrs. Harding's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Drinkard and children spent last week-end at Newport News with her sister, Mrs. Otho Wells.

Mrs. A. C. Drinkard, who has been ill for sometime, is getting along fine.

Dennis Drinkard spent Tuesday night with Robert and Harold Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Reynolds at Lovingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Howlett Drinkard Sunday.

Mrs. E. R. Martin is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Burnette Smith, in Lynchburg.

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CLOVER HILL DISTRICT — WHITE

Estate, Elijah P. Est.		43 114A	$3.21
Estate, Wm. D. Est.		239A	$22.31
Fuller, Marie F. & Heirs		2A	$4.27
Gregory, S. L.		6A	$2.24

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT — WHITE

Appomattox Aquatic Club		2-3A	$2.18
Bathen, Wm. Est.		5A	$ .84
Farrar, Charles W.		80A	$5.10
Howard, Duncan		6A	$2.64

STONEWALL DISTRICT — WHITE

Harris, Sarah E.		40A	$3.52
Harris, Thomas W.		24 3-4	$1.91
Harrison, W. D.		56 1-4	$3.49
Hundley, Elijah		11 1-4	$1.12
Hundley, W. H.		5A	$1.79

TOWN OF PAMPLIN — WHITE

Powell, Irvin H.		Lot	$ .73

CLOVER HILL DISTRICT — COLORED

Anderson, Anthory Est.		8A	$12.36
Clarence A. B.		1A	$1.56
Hancock, A. H.		26A	$2.75
Hancock, Elvira		3A	$1.26
Hancock, W. W.		1-2	$4.37
Powell, Viola, R. H. & Chas. E.		10A	$2.55
Wilson, John R.		1A	$ .61

CLOVER HILL DISTRICT — COLORED

Lee, Eliza		1A	$1.23
Walker, J. D. & M. L.		1-2A	$1.70

SOUTHSIDE DISTRICT — COLORED

Jarvis, Sam C.		193A	$16.95
Harvey, Catherine E.		3A	$2.42

STONEWALL DISTRICT — COLORED

Bungee, Alice & Nannie		6 1-2	$1.59
Lee, John		4A	$ .72
Moore, Henry		4A	$1.60
Pennix, Eugene		46 1-2	$3.38
Robertson, Lucy		3A	$1.39

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